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J.T. Gorman, President
TRW, Inc.
1900 Richmond Road
Cleveland, OH 44124

RE: SPECIAL NOTICE LETTER
PUENTE VALLEY OPERABLE UNIT
SAN GABRIEL SUPERFUND SITES AREAS 1-4

Dear Mr. J.T. Gorman:

TRW, Inc. was recently notified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") of its potential responsibility for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at a location within the Puente Valley Operable Unit, of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4, in La Puente, City of Industry, California (hereinafter referred to as "site" or "operable unit"). Under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9607, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "CERCLA"), responsible parties are liable for all costs incurred by the government not inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, in responding to the release or threatened release at this site.

Section 122(e) of CERCLA provides for a 60-day period during which EPA cannot expend funds for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") for site cleanup. The 60-day period provides TRW, Inc., as a potentially responsible party, time to submit an offer to conduct the RI/FS. If a good faith offer is made, an additional 30 days may be provided for continued negotiations. If EPA and TRW, Inc. cannot enter into an agreement within this 90-day period, EPA may either perform the RI/FS, and seek reimbursement from TRW, Inc., or utilize its enforcement authority and order TRW, Inc. to perform the RI/FS. Failure of TRW, Inc. to comply with any such order, could

necessitate EPA bringing an enforcement action in Federal District Court.

Attached to this letter is a draft Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC") and a Draft Statement of Work ("SOW"). A "good faith offer" for the RI/FS should include the following:

- A statement that TRW, Inc.'s qualifications and willingness to conduct or finance the RI/FS are generally consistent with EPA's draft SOW and draft Administrative Consent Order, or provide a sufficient basis for further negotiations;
- A detailed response to EPA's draft SOW and draft Administrative Consent Order;
- A detailed work plan identifying how TRW, Inc. plans to proceed with work consistent with the EPA draft SOW;
- A statement of TRW, Inc.'s willingness to reimburse EPA for the costs EPA incurs in overseeing the conduct of the RI/FS as required by Section 104(a)(1) of CERCLA, and for all past costs.

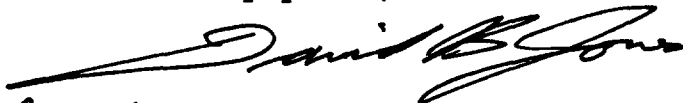

In accordance with CERCLA and other authorities, EPA has already undertaken certain actions and incurred certain costs in response to conditions at the site. These response actions include, but are not limited to, the Potentially Responsible Party search, EPA review of existing documentation at the site, EPA and its contractor review of responses to Information Requests, and design and construction of site maps. The costs, as of January 31, 1993, of the EPA-funded actions at the site total approximately \$1,529,000. Any EPA funded costs incurred after January 31, 1993, will be calculated and a bill for these costs will be provided to TRW, Inc. in the future. EPA anticipates expending additional funds for response activities at the site, including, but not limited to, those response activities delineated in EPA's draft SOW. In addition to costs associated with this operable unit, you may be asked to contribute to costs incurred in other areas of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites which assisted in the completion of response actions at this operable unit. In accordance with Section 107(a) of CERCLA, it is expected that TRW, Inc. will reimburse the Federal Government for the billed amount plus any interest authorized to be recovered.

The administrative record for the site is now being compiled and will be available for public review at EPA Region 9 offices in San Francisco, as well as a location near the site. This record will contain any information upon which EPA will base its selection of a cleanup remedy after completion of the RI/FS.

By this letter, TRW, Inc. is notified of its potential liability for an actual or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Puente Valley Operable Unit and of the commencement of the initial 60-day negotiation period beginning with the date of receipt of this notice by TRW, Inc.. To facilitate the successful outcome of these negotiations, EPA has made available the personnel working on this operable unit on June 15, 1993. These individuals will be prepared to participate in a detailed discussion of both the SOW and the AOC on that date. This meeting will take place at the Industry Hills' Sheraton Hotel, located at One Industry Hills Parkway in City of Industry. EPA will be available for discussions from 2:00 through 6:00 PM.

If you have any technical questions regarding this letter please contact Phillip Ramsey of my staff at (415) 744-2258. Legal questions should be referred to Mark Klaiman, Office of Regional Counsel, at (415) 744-1374.

Sincerely yours,


 Keith A. Takata

Deputy Director for Superfund
Hazardous Waste Management Division

Enclosures

Distribution List
Administrative Order on Consent
RI/FS Statement of Work
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